



## The Lesson of the Candy Corn Devotion

[**Please provide:** musical accompaniment; optional-package of candy corn; Bibles, hymnals, and copies of the devotion for attendees.]

*So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).*

Every autumn a fresh crop of candy corn pops up in the stores and reminds us that harvest time is near. Invented in the 1880s, candy corn has been enjoyed for over 130 years. Now that is sweet success! This seed-shaped confection can become a symbol of God's Word and how He uses us to accomplish His heavenly harvest.

**Read the Parable of the Sower** (Luke 8:8-15). Jesus wants us to be generous in scattering His seed so that all might have the chance to hear God's Word and the message of salvation. Now take a look at what each color of the candy corn represents.

**White** – The tip of the candy corn is pure white and stands for God the Father who is perfect, holy, and righteous. The seed is His Word we are to proclaim to others.

**Orange** – The color orange reminds us of the flames of the Holy Spirit who appeared on Pentecost. He enabled the disciples to speak God's Word in many languages. The large, tapered section of this candy also represents the large harvest field. There are many who need to hear God's offer of forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who takes the seed of God's Word and nurtures faith in man's heart.

**Yellow** – Yellow represents the light of Jesus Christ, the Word in flesh. He calls us to be His witnesses. When we scatter the seed of God's Word, we spread His light and the message of salvation to the world. We are the harvest workers as we walk in the light of Christ.

*And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest (Luke 10:2).*

**A Symbol of Prayer** – As it points upwards, the candy corn also reminds us to pray. Each time you eat this candy say a prayer and ask God to bless His Word, the workers, and the harvest.

Celebrate the Lord is God!  
Awesome and wonderful is He.  
Never have I needed Your love and forgiveness more than now.  
Daily You deliver me from my sin.  
You are the Lord of the Harvest who provides all my needs.

Count the many blessings that You bestow.  
Open my ears to hear Your Word and my mouth to give You praise.  
Rejoice with all who receive Your righteousness  
Now and forever. Amen.

**Sing:** "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" LSB 827, TLH 496, LW 318

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